

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Spanish Mackerel Commercial Fishery Catch Limit — Effective 9/26/2019

WHAT THIS NOTICE DOES

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources announces a change to the commercial catch limit for Spanish mackerel.

NEW CATCH LIMIT

Not more than 250 pounds of Spanish mackerel may be landed per vessel per day or trip, whichever is longer, regardless of the number of licensees on board the vessel.

WHY THIS IS NECESSARY

Commercial landings have reached the commercial quota for the Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel northern zone. This step must be taken to prevent the quota from being further exceeded, while allowing a minimal bycatch amount of Spanish mackerel to be landed to avoid dead discards.

WHO THIS NOTICE AFFECTS

This closure applies to all individuals who catch Spanish mackerel commercially.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The catch limit is effective at 12:01 a.m. September 26, 2019 and will remain in effect through and including February 29, 2020.

AUTHORITY

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